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In re Patent Application of

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AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 27, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

_____ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		EXTRA PRESENT		RATE		ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	8	MINUS	20	* =	0	X	(\$9 SE or \$18)	\$	0.00
INDEP.	1	MINUS	3	** =	0	X	(\$43 SE or \$86)	\$	0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						X	(\$145 SE or \$290)	\$	0.00
* not less than 20 ** not less than 3									TOTAL \$ 0.00

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. ☐ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.